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SUBJECT: COOPERATION AMONG EC COUNTRIES

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1. WE DISCUSSED CURRENT ACTIVITIES AMONG EC COUNTRIES
UNDER POMPIDOU INITIATIVE WITH GEOFFREY DE DENY,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND HEAD OF DRUGS BRANCH OF HOME
OFFICE. HE CONFIRMED REPORT REFTEL B THAT GROUP WILL
MEET AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL SEPTEMBER 30 IN PARIS. IT IS
HIS UNDERSTANDING HOWEVER THAT MEETING WILL NOT CONSIDER
IN DETAIL THE TECHNICAL RESOLUTIONS PREPARED BY THE
FOUR COMMISSIONS BUT WILL DEAL RATHER MORE IN THE
STRUCTURE OF FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. HE STATED THAT HE BELIEVES APRIL MEETING REFERRED
TO IN REFTEL B WAS MEETING OF AD HOC COMMITTEE OF COUN-
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CIL OF EUROPE ON NARCOTIC PROBLEMS AND THAT COORDINATING

COMMITTEE UNDER POMPIDOU INITIATIVE MET IN MAY TO WIND UP THE FOUR TECHNICAL COMMITTEES. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT WHILE COORDINATING COMMITTEE MIGHT CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN TECHNICAL CONTEXT IT WAS GENERAL FEELING THAT COMMITTEE REALLY HAD LITTLE MORE TO DO. FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR SEPTEMBER 30 MINISTERIAL MEETING WAS RECEIVED IN JULY. FRENCH ARE EVIDENTLY RELUCTANT TO LOSE THE INITIATIVE ON THIS ISSUE EVEN THOUGH MEETING WILL HAVE MORE POLITICAL THAN OPERATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE. IT IS HIS FEELING THAT IF TECHNICAL REPORTS ARE RAISED AT ALL IT WILL BE SIMPLY FOR MINISTERS TO GIVE THEM RUBBER STAMP APPROVAL.

3. HE STATED IT IS TENTATIVELY PLANNED TO HAVE PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE AT HOME OFFICE DR. SHIRLEY SUMMERSKILL HEAD UK DELEGATION MADE UP OF HIMSELF AND DENNIS CAHILL FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY. FINAL SIZE OF DELEGATION IS STILL UNDECIDED BECAUSE IT MAY HAVE TO BE ENLARGED TO AVOID GIVING IMPRESSION UK NOT TAKING MEETING SERIOUSLY.

4. COMMENT: DE DENY GIVES DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT UK IS NOT IN FACT TAKING MEETING SERIOUSLY. THEY HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ANY DOCUMENTATION ON MEETING AND HAVE INSTRUCTED FCO TO PRESS FRENCH FOR MORE DETAILS. DE DENY VOICED OPINION THAT MEETING MIGHT ISSUE SOME SPLENDID DECLARATION OF INTENT BUT THAT NOTHING OF ANY REAL SIGNIFICANCE SHOULD BE EXPECTED FROM IT.

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